Road Board on this question was that the road was desirable but may be postponed.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Is it to be postponed indefinitely or for any particular period ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—They do not specify that. They have got other proposals which require better attention.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—May I know when the recommendation was made ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—On 8th January 1934.

Roads in Chennamangalam.

82. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) the extent of the Chennamangalam village;
(2) the length of cartable roads, if any, there?
(3) the length of public roads there;
(4) the amount spent by the Government in that village under communication?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—(1) 2677·79 acres.
(2) There are no cartable roads.
(3) Nine miles one furlong and 33 yards.
(4) This year a sum of Rs. 359 is provided for road maintenance work and Rs. 650 for other works under "communication".

Mr. E Ikkanda Warriar.—Has the Registrar of Panchayats seen the public roads in Chennamangalam ? Are they really roards so called ?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—They are not cartable roads. They are only footpaths.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Do they include drains also?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—We are making drains in some places on the side.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—To whom does the land belong ?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—As far as I know the major parts of the roads belong to the Palyiam.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Does the Government own any of these roads ?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—Government are maintaining the roads. But as for the proprietorship I do not know.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—How long have they been maintaining these roads ?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—It is only from this year that we took up regular maintenance.

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Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—May I take that till this year Government had not spent anything on the roads in Chennamangalam ?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—We have spent about Rs. 359 and 650 on repairs.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Does the Government own any portion of these roads ?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—Some portion we have acquired. But the major part of the roads I think belong to the Paliyam.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—May I know what is the extend of the roads owned by the Government ?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—It is about a mile.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—What is the average width of the road ?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—It is about ten feet.

Representation of Backward and Depressed Classes in State Service.

83. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) what exactly is being done by the Government to give adequate representation in the services to the backward and depressed communities of the State;

(b) whether the Government has any fixed policy in the matter?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) In the matter of fresh appointments preference is given as far as possible to the backward and depressed class communities.

(b) Vide answer to (a).

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Can I have any more definite idea regarding the expression as far as possible ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is impossible to foresee all the possible contingencies that might arise and it is hardly possible to give it by way of supplementary answer.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—What about the Public Service Commission ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—That does not arise in this question.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—What is the policy that is being pursued in giving representation to unrepresented communities?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Preference is given as a matter rule. I do not know whether there has been instances here and there where this rule has been violated. If there are instances there must be particular reasons.

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